IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Virginia W. Cornish

Serial No. : Not Yet Known

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For : AN IN VIVO SCREEN USING CHEMICAL INDUCERS OF

DIMERIZATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please make the following amendments to the above-identified application:

In the Claims

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 1-90 and 134-140, without prejudice, to reduce the filing fee. Accordingly claims 91-133 are pending in the subject application.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$463.000 application filing fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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